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Comment: I am NOT in favor of eliminating the Morse Code test from the Amateur Radio license requirement. There are many hams in the United States and around the world that rely heavily, if not exclusively, on this mode of communication. If the code test is completely eliminated from the amateur licensing requirement, the pool of hams with this communications skill will decline dramatically. With fewer and fewer hams possessing this skill, not only will the hobby suffer but this form of communication (particularly in emergency situations) will no longer be a reliable option. Ham radio will then devolve into a more sophisticated Citizens Band service. All ham's should pride themselves in their ability to communicate through the use of Morse Code. The elimination of the code test is without logic, diminishes the image of the hobby, threatens the future of this form of communication, and may have repercussions related to national and international emergency communications requirements. I most strongly recommend that the Morse Code test be retained as a component of the Amateur Radio licensing requirement! /..../.-/-.-// -.--/..-